DoD Harm Scale

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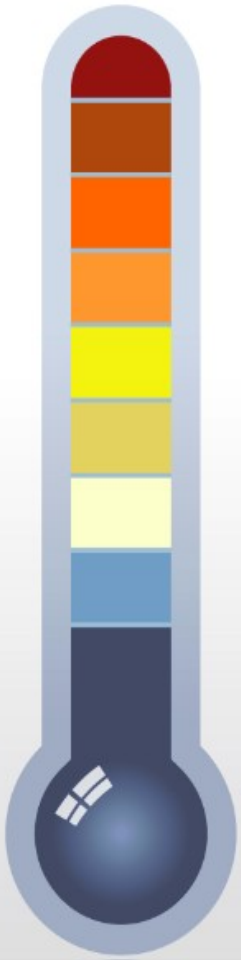

Death: Dead at the time of the assessment

Severe Permanent Harm: Severe lifelong bodily or psychological injury or disfigurement that interferes significantly with the functional ability or quality of life

Permanent Harm: Lifelong bodily or psychological injury or increaded susceptibility to disease

Temporary Harm: Bodily or psychological injury, but likely not permanent

Additional Treatment: Injury limited to additional intervention during admission or encounter and/or increased length of stay, but no other injury. Treatment since discovery, and/or expected treatment in future as a direct result of event

Emotional Distress or Inconvenience: Mild and transient anxiety or pain or physical discomfort, but without the need for additional treatment other than monitoring. Distress/inconvenience since discovery, and/or expected in the futureas a direct result of event

No Harm: Reached patient, but no harm was evident

Near Miss - Did Not Reach Patient: Event occurred but did not reach the patient

Unsafe Conditions - Potential Event: Any circumstance that increases the probability of a patient safety event